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SUBJECT: COUNTER TERRORISM DEFENSES AMERICAN EMBASSY MANILA

REF: MANILA 13670, MANILA 14709

1. SY'S ATTENTION IS INVITED TO MANILA 13670 WHICH SEEKS FUNDS AND EQUIPMENT TO IMPLEMENT WIDE RANGING SECURITY MEASURES IN THE EMBASSY COMPOUND, THE AID BUILDING IN MANILA, AND THE USIS CULTURAL CENTER.
2. THE RSS MESSAGE MANILA 14709 SETS FORTH THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR 10 CONTRACT GUARDS TO AUGMENT THE EMBASSYS EXISTING GUARD CAPACITY. THIS RECOMMENDATION MUST AWAIT DEPARTMENTAL CONCURRENCE AND RESOLUTION OF FUNDING. HOWEVER TIME IS CRITICAL TO THIS RECOMMENDATION.
3. CERTAIN TECHNICAL MEASURES CAN ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY. MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED FOR THE INSTALLATION FALLS ENTIRELY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF SECURITY - RTC HONG KONG. CONVERSATIONS WITH OIC/RTC HONG KONG REVEAL THAT THAT ORGANIZATION CAN SUPPLY THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND LOCKING HARDWARE AS REQUESTED. HOWEVER, TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IS IN SHORT SUPPLY AND WILL HAVE TO BE REQUISITIONED FROM OTHER AREAS. THE RSS CONSIDERS THAT HIGH PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE TECHNICAL INSTALLATION AND SO SET THE PACE FOR THE PHYSICAL BARRIERS WHICH ALSO MUST BE CON-
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STRUCTED. HOWEVER, THE PROPOSED TOTAL PACKAGE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED

ON A STEP BY STEP BASIS AND HOPEFULLY THE FIRST TWO STEPS COULD BE OPERATIONAL NO LATER THAN PRIOR TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

4. THE FIRST STEP (THE HIRING OF 10 CONTRACT GUARDS) REFERRED TO ABOVE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE RSS TELEGRAM 14709 DATED 17 OCT., 1975. THE SECOND STEP WHICH IS THE INSTALLATION OF THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND HARDWARE FURTHER DESCRIBED BELOW SHOULD BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. BOTH STEPS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MID-DECEMBER. REFERENCE IS MADE TO RSO COUGHLIN'S TELEGRAM, MANILA 13670, WHICH REQUESTS FSK TRANSMITTER ALARMS. HERewith THE RSS AND RSO ARE REQUESTING A SHIPMENT OF 14 TRANSMITTER ALARM SYSTEMS FROM THE RTC HONG KONG ON A PRIORITY BASIS. THE 14 ZONE RECEIVERS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING SEPARATE TRANSMITTERS: ZONE 1 - THREE TRANS, ZONE 2 - THREE TRANS, ZONE 3 - NINE TRANS, ZONE 4 - NINE TRANS, ZONE 5 - ONE TRANS, ZONE 6 - TWO TRANS, ZONE 7 - TWO TRANS, ZONE 8 - ONE TRANS. USAID WILL REQUIRE FIVE ZONE RECEIVERS WITH ONE TRANSMITTER EACH. FREQUENCIES CAN BE DUPLICATED WITH CHANCERY ZONES AS THE DISTANCE IS ABOUT ONE HALF MILE. THE CULTURAL CENTER REQUIRES ONE ZONE RECEIVER WITH THREE TRANSMITTERS. FURTHER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT SIX CLOSED CIRCUIT T.V. SYSTEMS, FOUR OF THESE UNITS MUST BE ALSO EQUIPPED WITH LOW LIGHT RESOLUTION CAPABILITY, SCAN AND ZOOM. IF THERE IS A SHORT FALL IN THIS EQUIPMENT IN RTC THE OIC SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REQUEST DIRECT SHIPMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER SOURCE. THE OIC SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE THE PRESENCE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN MANILA.

5. EIGHT BRUTE TYPE LOCK DEVICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTLY EXISTING BARRIERS. EVENTUALLY THESE BARRIERS WILL BE STRENGTHENED OR MODIFIED AS PHYSICAL BARRIER FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE, BUT IMMEDIATE PURPOSES ARE SERVED BY THE INSTALLATION OF THESE LOCKING DEVICES WHICH WILL PROVIDE OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND RELIABILITY TESTS BEFORE THE BARRIERS ARE HARDENED.

6. TO ACCOMPLISH THESE TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE SEABEE AND AN ENGINEERING OFFICER (SOT). SINCE THE RTC HONG KONG IS OVER COMMITTED WITH MULTI-PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE REGION FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AND FURTHER COMPLICATED BY VEA'S DEPARTURE AS SOON

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AS POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT IN THE FAR EAST, SPECULATED IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER, IT APPEARS THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL HAVE TO COME FROM SOME OTHER LOCATION - PERHAPS SY/T WASHINGTON. THE RSS CONSIDERS IT CRITICAL THAT THIS TECHNICAL WORK SET THE PACE FOR THE TOTAL SECURITY PACKAGE AT THE EMBASSY AND THAT IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND INSTALLED PRIOR TO THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR.

7. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE EMBASSY HAS INITIATED AND EVOLVED TO AN ALMOST COMPLETION A TRENCH DIGGING PROJECT FOR CONDUIT CARRYING POWER LINES AND THIS PROVIDES A POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO OTHER LINES FOR CCTV AND ALARM SYSTEMS INTO THIS UNDERGROUND CONDUIT. UNLESS THE OPPORTUNITY IS EXPLOITED IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO EXPLOIT THIS POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING THE TRENCHING CONDUIT.

8. IN ADDITION TO THE PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS OUTLINED IN MANILA 13670, THE POST HAS ALSO SUBSCRIBED TO PROVIDING SECURITY PROTECTION TO THE MSG AND LOCAL RECEPTIONIST IN THE ENTRANCE LOBBY OF THE CHANCERY BUILDING. THIS WOULD INCLUDE OPAQUE BULLET RESISTANT ARMOR AS WELL AS LEXGARD PROTECTION IN THIS ENCLOSURE. IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE A SYSTEM FOR ALERTING, LOCKING AND A SWITCHING OF OTHER DEFENSE SYSTEMS.

9. THE REMAINING PORTION OF MANILA 13670 PACKAGE WILL BE PRESENTED WITHIN A TWO WEEK PERIOD INCLUDING COSTS AND MATERIAL ESTIMATES AND ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS. THE RSO HAS ASSUMED THIS TASK WITH THE INTENTIONS OF EARLIEST COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION. TOP LEVEL OFFICIALS IN THE EMBASSY HAVE PROVIDED THEIR ALL OUT SUPPORT FOR THESE INNOVATIONS AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT SY AND THE REGIONAL BUREAU PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT, INCLUDING FUNDING, UPON SUBMISSION OF RSO'S REQUEST.

10. ALTHOUGH THE RSO PACKAGE OUTLINED IN MANILA 13670 AT FIRST BLUSH APPEARS EXPENSIVE IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ABOUT \$20,000 OF THE TOTAL IS FOR THE AID BUILDING WHICH IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CHANCERY COMPOUND. A SUBSEQUENT AMOUNT OVER \$29,000 WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT WHICH IS ALREADY IN THE HANDS OF THE OFFICE OF SECURITY, AND THE COSTS ABSORBED BY SECURITY. MUCH OF THE ADDITIONAL GUARD SERVICE, CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL COSTS PRESUMABLY WILL BE PRORATED AMONG THE U.S.
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COMPONENT AGENCIES SINCE EXTENSIVE SECURITY WILL BE BUILT INTO THE OFFICE BUILDING ANNEX.

11. AS A SIDE BENEFIT THESE ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURES WILL ASSIST THE EMBASSY IN CONTROLLING A RECENT RASH OF VANDALISM, I.E. TIRE SLASHING AND THE THEFT OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER INCIDENTALS FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL OFFICE BUILDING.
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